

CHAPTER 508—S. F. No. 79.

An Act proposing an amendment to article nine (9) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, authorizing the state auditor to levy an acreage tax on lands insured against loss by hail and wind at the option of the owners of said land for the purpose of creating an insurance fund against damage to crops by hail or wind storms or both, and to provide for the manner of handling and distributing of the said fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. The following amendment to article nine (9) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of said state for their approval or rejection, which amendment, when so approved, shall be known as section seventeen (17) of article nine (9) and shall read as follows:

“Section 17. The legislature may provide for the payment, by the state of Minnesota, of damages to growing crops by hail and wind, or either, and to provide a fund for that purpose, including the necessary expenses of giving effect to this act, may impose a specific tax upon lands, the owners of which, at their option, have listed the same with county auditors for that purpose, and no payment shall be made of any such damages except from the fund so provided.”

Sec. 2. The amendment herein shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year of nineteen hundred and ten (1910) and the qualified voters of the state shall, in their respective districts at such elections, vote for or against such amendment by ballot, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified at the same time and in the same manner as is provided by law with reference to state officers, and if it shall appear that a majority of all voters voting at such election shall have voted in favor of said amendment, the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and said amendment shall thereupon take effect and be in force as part of the constitution of the state. The ballots used at such elections shall have printed thereon the following:

“Amendment to article nine (9) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, authorizing the state auditor to levy an acreage tax on lands which at the option of the owners thereof, may have been listed with the county auditor for protection against loss by hail and wind, or either, in this state, for the purpose of creating an insurance fund against damage to crops by hail storms on such listed lands and to provide for the manner of handling, and distributing of said fund: ‘Yes’..... ‘no’..... each elector voting upon such proposed amendment shall place a cross mark (X) in the space to the left opposite the word ‘yes’ or ‘no,’ and each vote shall be counted for or against such pro-

posed amendment in accordance with provisions of the election laws of the state."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1909.

CHAPTER 509—S. F. No. 713.

An Act proposing an amendment to section 23 of article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, relating to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the state, the prescribing of the bounds of congressional, senatorial and representative districts and the apportionment of senators and representatives.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. The following amendment of section 23, article 4 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state of Minnesota for their approval or rejection, that is to say: said section 23 of said article 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

"Section 23. The legislature shall provide by law for enumeration of the inhabitants of this state in the year 1915 and every ten (10) years thereafter. At any session after any enumeration of the inhabitants of this state made pursuant to law and also at any session after each enumeration made by the authority of the United States, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe the bounds of congressional, senatorial and representative districts, or any of the same, and to apportion anew the senators and representatives among the several districts according to the provisions of section 2 of this article."

Sec. 2. Such proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1910, and the qualified electors of the state in their respective districts may at such election vote for or against such proposed amendment by ballot, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time, such vote canvassed and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law with reference to the election of state officers, and if it shall appear thereupon that majority of all the electors voting at such election shall have voted for and ratified the said amendment as provided in the next section hereof, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment so ratified shall take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at such election on such proposed amendment shall have printed thereon: "Amendment of section